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Sir:

In reply to the *Ex parte Quayle* Action dated October 4, 2010 (hereinafter “the Action”), Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. It is respectfully believed that entry and consideration of these amendments and remarks is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, as the amendments are sought to address the formal matters set forth in the Action.

Submitted herewith is a four-month extension of time to make this Reply timely.

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Remarks begin on page 12.